GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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BORDER TRADE IN NORTH EAST
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision was taken to encourage border trade between North Eastern States and adjoining countries;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether the Government propose to monitor the border trade; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b) : Central Government has been taking specific steps to promote trade and commerce in North Eastern Region and adjoining countries. Under the Critical Infrastructure Balance Scheme, 21 projects relating to the development of trade related infrastructure and removal of bottlenecks in exports have been approved in the North Eastern Region and Rs.41.69 crores has been sanctioned for the purpose upto 31.03.2002. As per the PM`s action plan for the development of North Eastern Region, four border townships at Zokhawthar (Mizoram), Moreh (Manipur), Dawki (Meghalaya) and Sutarkhandi (Assam) have been identified for development of trade related infrastructure. Under the Export Development Fund Scheme for North Eastern Region, 14 projects have been sanctioned with a total sum of Rs. 6.61 crore for assisting trade promotion activities in the North East.

(c) & (d) : The border trade and inter country trade issues in North East are being closely monitored through the Empowered Committee on North East as well through regular review of the progress in this respect.